

NOTICE: ANNOUNCEMENT OF AVAILABILITY OF 2nd DRAFT PERMIT

PERMIT NO.: ST 5037

APPLICANT: Rohm and Haas Company

FACILITY: Morton International, Inc.

LOCATION: 4800 State Route 12
Elma, WA 98541

OPERATION: The Elma plant of Rohm and Haas produces primarily wet and dry products of sodium borohydride, potassium borohydride. Sodium hydroxide is also produced as a by-product. These products are anti-oxidants.

DISCHARGE: This is an existing discharge to Elma Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The above-named industry has applied for renewal of their State Waste Discharge permit in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 90.48 Revised Code of Washington (RCW) and the Federal Clean Water Act. Ecology prepared a draft permit and announced the availability of it to the public on June 8, 2004. The former draft permit was more stringent than the permit this facility currently operates under. In response to comments received, Ecology proposes to return the permit to its former, less stringent limits. Ecology invites the public to review the revised draft permit and submit comments.

I. TENTATIVE DETERMINATIONS

On the basis of preliminary staff review, the Department of Ecology proposes to issue a permit. A final determination will not be made until all comments received, pursuant to this notice, have been evaluated.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT AND INFORMATION

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments regarding the proposed permit within 30 days of the date of this public notice. Comments should be sent to the Industrial Unit Permit Coordinator at:

Department of Ecology
Southwest Regional Office – Water Quality
P.O. Box 47775
Olympia, WA 98504-7775

If the comments received indicate significant public interest in a proposed permit or if useful information can be produced thereby, the director may hold a public hearing on the application. Public notice of such hearings will be given at least 30 days in advance of the hearing.

The draft permit and fact sheet are available upon request. Please contact Laurie Conger at (360) 407-6280, lcon461@ecy.wa.gov, or mail your request to her at the address above for a copy of this document.

All other public file documents related to this permit are available for inspection and copying, by appointment, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays at the Southwest Regional Office of the Department of Ecology. To arrange to review or obtain copies of these public file documents, contact Sherri Greenup, Public Disclosure Coordinator, at (360) 407-6365, SWAL461@ecy.wa.gov, or write to her at the address listed above.